

House Bill 511 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Meadows of the 5<sup>th</sup> and Graves of the 12<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the office of commissioner of Gordon County, approved  
2 March 21, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 2522), as amended, particularly by an Act providing for a  
3 board of commissioners of Gordon County, approved March 13, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 2719),  
4 and an Act approved March 12, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 3897), so as to change the description  
5 of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for  
6 continuation in office of current board members; to provide for submission of this Act for  
7 preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting  
8 laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act providing for the office of commissioner of Gordon County, approved March 21,  
12 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 2522), as amended, particularly by an Act providing for a board of  
13 commissioners of Gordon County, approved March 13, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 2719), and an  
14 Act approved March 12, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 3897), is amended by revising subsection (b)  
15 of Section 1 as follows:

16 "(b)(1) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Gordon County  
17 is divided into five commissioner districts. The five commissioner districts shall be and  
18 correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part  
19 of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: gord07p1 Plan Type: Local User: Gina  
20 Administrator: Gordon.

21 (2) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
22 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau  
23 of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.  
24 The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG'  
25 heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in  
26 the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for

1 the State of Georgia. Any part of Gordon County which is not included in any such  
2 district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to  
3 such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial  
4 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of Gordon County which is described  
5 in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included  
6 within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous  
7 part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains  
8 the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State  
9 of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any commissioner district,  
10 whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the  
11 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States  
12 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

13 (3) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to the  
14 effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1,  
15 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the  
16 effective date of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former  
17 commissioner districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their  
18 respective districts as newly described under this Act."

## 19 **SECTION 2.**

20 The Board of Commissioners of Gordon County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act  
21 to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended;  
22 and such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with  
23 the appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the  
24 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

## 25 **SECTION 3.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.